Linking of Tali Nala with Hooghly

2986. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link Tali Nala with the Hooghly river for better water transport and irrigation facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any central team has visited some places in the district of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) while no such proposal has been received at the Centre, the Government of West Bengal has reported constitution of a multi-disciplinary committee to study overall development aspect of Tali Nala.

(c) and (d) A Central Team of Experts visited Sunderbans area of West Bengal between October, 19 to October 22, 1992 and held discussions with officials of the State Government. A broad indicative outline of possible Master Plan for Irrigation, Drainage, Flood Control, Navigation and Pisciculture for benefitting the districts of 24 Parganas South and North was made available for the study and consideration of the team. The proposal was in the form of fund requirement listing out various works amounting *to* Rs. 767 crores. After examination of the proposal Central Water Commission advised the State Government to prepare a detailed and well worked out master plan indicating the need, objectives, and development strategies leading to a plan of action. It was also pointed out that the Master Plan has to follow with Project Reports on specific schemes contained therein with its techno-economic viability and assigned priority.

Sharing of river waters between India and Bangladesh

2987. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to U.Q. 366 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the talks are still in progress between India and Bangladesh on sharing of waters of Ganga, Teesta and other major rivers;

(b) what is the outcome of the talks held recently in Dhaka; and

(c) by when the talks are likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Talks have been recently held at Delhi November, 1992 at Experts level between Bangladesh and India. Both sides held in-depth discussions to work for an equitable, long-term and comprehensive arrangement for sharing of flows of Ganga, Tista and other major rivers.

Sharing of Yamuna Water among States

2988. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately been working out inter-state agreements for the allocation and development of Yamuna waters, amongst Haryana, U.P., Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) on what basis the Yamuna Water is sought to be allocated and distributed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes Sir. A series of meetings with the Chief Ministers of the Basin States and Lt. Governor of Delhi were convened to find an amicable solution to the